



# Bearcats Lead M. I. A. A. Race With Seven Conference Wins; Play Bulldogs at Gym Tonight

## Maryville May Tie for M. I. A. A. Title Tonight

Coming down the home stretch still ahead of the pack, Maryville's conquering Bearcats will attempt to hold their substantial conference lead against the invading Bulldogs of Kirksville. The game will be played at the Maryville gymnasium starting at 8 o'clock tonight.

If the outcome of the game proves victorious for the Bearcats, their chances for a first place tie in the MIAA conference race are certain and their chances for their first championship in 7 years will be thoroughly strengthened.

Coach Wilbur Stalcup and his men will be driving for their eighteenth victory in as many starts this season. If they win, their conference standing will be eight wins and no losses—1,000 percentage mark.

Kirksville, if victorious, will be trying hard to raise herself from the conference cellar. At the present time, the Bulldogs have one win and six losses with a percentage mark of .142. A Kirksville victory would improve the looks of their efforts.

Win One M. I. A. A. Game

Last week the Kirksville Teachers down the Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery by a score of 35 to 28. Their one conference victory came at the expense of the Springfield Bears in their first MIAA scrap back on January 7. The outcome of this game was 22 to 14.

Players from Kirksville who have been doing their part in Kirksville's attempts to better themselves include Schwarzer, Bass, and Lane. Schwarzer is a 6 foot 6 inch center who transferred from Iowa. His height and scoring ability had aided the Bulldogs greatly this season.

Long John Shores is a long shot artist. It was Shores' long shot that came a split second too late to aid the Bulldogs in their recent game with the Bears from Springfield. This game ended 25 to 24 with the Bears on top. Shores led go with a long shot that "split the hoop," but the ball had already sounded ending the contest. He is a newcomer to the Bulldogs' squad.

Capital City's Bass, ace Kirksville guard, has been mentioned in time and time again as the Northwest Missouri college's contribution to the MIAA. Bass, ace Kirksville guard, has been mentioned in time and time again as the Northwest Missouri college's contribution to the MIAA.

Lane is a star. But Bass is the offensive play. Bass' reports from those who have seen him in action, he is one of the best scorers of the Kirksville aggregation.

Another player coming from Iowa is Bert Lane. Although only 5 feet 10 inches tall, Lane is considered one of the "rusted" men on the Bulldogs' squad. This speed and ability will be of considerable aid in rebounding.

Maryville's chances in tonight's ball game have changed in a matter of minutes. Kirksville's defeat of the Bears last night by a one-point margin has placed Maryville in the cellar at that time last year, they can be easily toppled from their throne this year.

Starters for the Bearcats will probably be Harold Hutcheson and Don Johnson at the forward positions, Dale Hackett and Bob Rogers playing the guard spots, and Harold Hull working the center position. Weary, Goslee, and Insley will probably see service.

Rus Insley has been confined to his home trying to keep a cold down. Unless unpredicted complications arise, Insley will be in uniform ready to play.

"We're expecting a tough game," was Coach Stalcup's reply to the questions asked him concerning tonight's fray.

**High School Cubs Will Play Clearmont**

The Horace Mann High Cubs will play Burlington Junction High. Wednesday night, February 7 at 7:15 o'clock at Clearmont.

They are in the annual Clearmont Invitational Basketball tournament at Clearmont.

The Cubs are coached by Dale Hackett.

### Here's the Record

Maryville	Opponents	Score
*December 12—Sioux Falls	52	32
*December 15—Drake University	42	33
*December 20—New Mexico Mines (at St. Joseph)	32	24
*January 1—Emporia Teachers	61	32
*January 5—William Jewell	60	26
January 8—Cape Girardeau	33	30
January 9—Rolla	44	26
*January 19—Cape Girardeau	24	24
*January 23—Warrensburg	29	20
*January 26—Rockhurst	42	18
January 29—Springfield	34	25
January 30—Warrensburg	23	21
*February 2—Rolla	39	25
February 6—Rockhurst	48	16
February 9—Kirksville	48	16
February 19—Kirksville	—	—
February 23—Springfield	—	—
Total	563	357

\*Indicates home games.

Tournament games:  
December 27-30 Rockhurst (Kansas City) 22  
Missouri Valley 22  
Kirksville 23  
Springfield (championship game) 25  
Grand Total 897 427

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## Bearcat Claws... ..by ken tebow

Once again greetings are extended. Unknowning, the fans and students of this College are on their way to an unreluctable circumstance. Perhaps you have noticed it, perhaps you have avoided it, and again, perhaps you have let it come upon you unnoticed. Anyway, it is practically here and everyone around must face it.

Can the Bearcats hold up during the final three games? Will the reserves be able to hold out consistently enough to give the starters a good chance for relaxation? Time, and time alone, will tell.

Fire has been shot from all sides at the Bearcats. Some of these blazes have come close enough to burn. Yes, the Bearcats are tired. If you do not believe it, just look at them. Yes, they have had a long hard season and they have done a good job. But quoting a collegiate colleague, "they (the Bearcats) bore no resemblance to the Mules' powerhouse of 1937-38 in the days of Earl Keth. In fact, it will be many a day before the MIAA will see a team of such calibre."

Many people have noticed and caustically remarked that the Bearcats were fighting with a strength that would not last. Possibly this is true. Numerous sports reporters and columnists have commented upon this fact as it has occurred in recent game.

Although this is no time to be

Let me quote an Associated Press bulletin. "With three games remaining the Bearcats, of course, could be tripped—like thirteen spades could miss a grand slam." Now the question is are we going to let people think (any say) thinks like that about the Bearcats?

It was good to see Parke Carroll and Ted O'Sullivan doing their best in the officiating capacity. Best regards have always been held for these two men and those sentiments continue.

## Intramural Basketball . . .

### Spark's Tigers Lose Against Pirates 39-12

The Pirates scored a 39 to 12 win over the Sparks Tigers Thursday night, February 7. Blakely and Kelsos boys were hitting for the winners while Deere paced the losers. It was the Pirates' fifth win and the Tigers sixth loss.

### Old Xenias Defeat Hash Slingers 29-26

The Old Xenias edged out a close victory over the Hash Slingers 29 to 26. McClurg and Wagner were consistent scorers for the Old Xenias aggregation. It was Paxton and Feurt who kept the Hashslingers in the game.

The victory was the Old Xenias' third. Hashslingers have won two and lost four.

### Sigma Taus Barely Defeat Bluebeards

The Sigma Taus edged out a 24 to 23 win over the Bluebeards. The game was closely contested throughout. Tennant paced the winners with ten points. McElhiney and Skarda hit for the losers.

It was the Taus fifth win against one loss. The Bluebeards have won three and lost three.

The game was played Wednesday, January 31.

### Weedonians Bow to Boosters 42-21

With Terry and French setting the pace the Boosters slapped a 42 to 21 win over the Weedonians. Schultz and Wells scored most of the Weedonians points.

It was the second win for the Boosters with four losses. It was the Weedonians fifth loss. They have won one. The game was played Thursday, February 1.

### A. Correction

The Northwest Missourian regrets that it published in its February 2 issue the statement that members of the Bearcat basketball team were guests of the College to see the picture "Gone With the Wind," in Kansas City. The Bearcats attended the show as the guests of a friend.

## Bearcats Show Strain Nervous Condition After Win

After a long string of consecutive victories, the wear and tear has begun to tell on the playing ability of the Teachers' College basketball team. At least this is the opinion which many have formed after watching carefully the play of the Bearcats on the hardwood floor.

A winning basketball team has been desired by the College for the past several years, but probably even the coaches did not expect a team which would go through an entire season without a defeat. Such teams are few in basketball circles these days.

And when one stops to remember that the Bearcat victories have included handing down defeats to the potentially powerful Drake University Bulldogs, and the Warrensburg Mules, M. I. A. A. defending champion and winner of the Oklahoma City tourney last year, he must conclude that this is a most spectacular basketball team.

The green and white warriors, who have tucked away seven conference wins in as many games this year, and now stand at the top of the M. I. A. A. standings, plainly showed this strain at the Rolla game last Friday night. Coach Wilbur Stalcup called upon his reserves to begin the scoring attack upon the Miners, when it had become difficult for the first string team to hold a narrow margin over the School of Mines quintet.

Basketball is not like football when it comes to having teams which win all of their games. In basketball there are more chances to score, and breaks are often times responsible for the deciding points of the game.

Despite the strain of so many victories, the Bearcats themselves are determined. They would not admit to anyone that they did not intend to finish the season undefeated. There are, however, three conference games remaining on the Maryville schedule, and any one of these might result in a setback for the local team.

Regardless of what might be said, the Stalcupmen have established a great record this year. And believe you me, they are going to fight harder than ever not to have it broken this late in the season.

## Bearcats Easily Down Rockhurst Hoopmen 48-16

Sailing along smoothly, the Bearcats glided to victory No. 17 last Tuesday night over the Rockhurst Hawks of Kansas City. The game, which ended 48 to 16 with the Maryvillians on top, was played in Kansas City.

The Maryville players opened the game connecting with five shots out of six attempts. This was done in five minutes of play, leaving the Stalcup men with an average of two points or one field goal a minute. They were leading the Hawks 14 to 0 midway in the first half. Harold Hull led the scoring with 12 points. Don Johnson ran a close second having 11 points. Coach Stalcup used thirteen men during the game and the same number saw service for the Catholic men.

The half time score was 27 to 9, Maryville leading. This game was the return game of the series between the two colleges. Maryville defeated Rockhurst on the local court recently by a similar large score.

The box score:

Maryville (48)	Rockhurst (16)
Hull, 12	Wagner, 1
O. Johnson, 11	Spink, 3
Insley, 10	Sergis, 0
Goslee, 12	Cernich, 0
Salmon, 10	Kurash, 3
Walker, 2	O'Sullivan, 0
Hutcheson, 0	Chail, 1
Howell, 1	Pannell, 0
Hackett, 3	Carney, 0
R. Johnson, 1	Reife, 0
Albert, 0	O'Kelly, 0
Rogers, 2	Kerr, 0
Weary, 1	Kiernan, 0
Totals	216 10

Referee—O'Sullivan, M. U., and Elser Notre Dame.

Half score—27 to 9, Maryville.

### Hot Shots Win Over Poop Gang in Game

The Hot Shots scored a 37 to 15 win over the Poop Gang Tuesday afternoon. Tobin scored sixteen points to lead the winners. Rizzo and manager De Mitchell lead the Poop Gang.

Up to date the Hot Shots have won three and lost four. The Poop Gang boast the same percentage.

### Aces Overcome M. Club 49-24

The final gun found the Aces at the big end of a 49 to 24 score Tuesday, January 8 in a game with the M. Club. Green, Hawk and Snyder were the big guns for the Aces. Carter was high for the M. Club. The win was the Aces' seventh without a defeat. It was the M. Club's fifth setback against two wins.

### Sigma Taus Win Over Old Xenias, 38-20

The Sigma Taus continued their winning form by downing the Old Xenias aggregation 38 to 20. Breckenridge and Tennant scored most of the winners' points. Bennett provided the main spark for the Xenias.

The Taus have won six and suffered one setback, a forfeit to the Ramblers. It was the Old Xenias' fourth loss after winning two. The game was played Monday, January 5.

### M Club Wins Over Phi Sigs 43-32

The M Club hit their stride and won 43 to 32 over the Phi Sigs. Tuesday night, January 30, Baker scored eighteen points for the winners. Darr, Carter and Barber also did their share in the win. It was all Edmondson and Weeda for the Phi Sigs.

It was the M Club's second win and the Phi Sig's fourth loss.

### Aces Override Spark's Tigers by Big Margin

When the Aces are hitting they are hard to handle so Spark's Tigers found out when they bounced back 56 to 19. The Aces collected twenty-seven two pointers during the game while holding the Tigers to eight.

It was the Aces' fifth consecutive win. The Tigers have yet to break into the win column.

The game was played Tuesday, January 30.

### Phi Sigs Defeat Bluebirds Monday

The Phi Sigs outlasted the Bluebirds Monday night and won 20 to 15. Brazil scored twelve points for the Phi Sigs. Webb was high for the losers with eight points. Each team has won three and lost four. The Bluebirds led 12 to 10 at the half.

### Hash Slingers Win Over Cream Puffs

The Hash Slingers upset the Cream Puffs 17 to 14. Norris, Paxton and Harris played outstanding ball for the winners. Bland and Sparks hit for the losers. The game was played Tuesday afternoon, February 6.

The Cream Puffs have won five and lost two. The Hash Slingers have won three and have been defeated four times.

### Box Score

Lightfoot	PG	FT	F
Farmer	3	5	0
Watersbaugh	7	2	1
John	0	0	2
Minor	0	0	0
Pretyman	0	0	1
Totals	13	7	4

### Box Score

Overmiller	PG	FT	F
Campbell	8	5	4
Eberhart	0	0	2
Rehnbush	3	0	3
Croch	0	0	4
Eberole	0	0	0
Totals	11	5	11

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